

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 29, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph as follows:

-- It should be noted that, in some cases, a large amount of auxiliary information 301 can not be transmitted by including the auxiliary information 301 in a program index 203 of broadcast information ~~201~~as 201 as shown in Fig. 10 due to broadcasting specifications. In such a case, auxiliary information 301 is transmitted by splitting it into a plurality of packets. Typically, such packets are transmitted in advance independently of the associated broadcast information 201 prior to the time of the program of the broadcast information 201. The processor 102 employed in the broadcast signal receiving apparatus 100 stores auxiliary information 301 included in each packet. As the last packet is received, pieces of auxiliary information 301 are arranged in an order of sequence numbers included in the packets to reconstruct the entire auxiliary information 301. The 2nd embodiment allows the viewer to automatically acquire auxiliary information 301 by receiving a broadcast signal without the need to resort to another means, such as the recording medium used in the 1st embodiment, for distributing auxiliary information 301. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 31, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph as follows:

-- Unlike an operation to play back video and audio data, the execution time of a program or a script greatly depends on the performance of the

processor 102 carrying out the processing and the complexity of the network including the data source indicated by a link specified as auxiliary information 301. It is thus difficult to estimate the length of the execution time. For this reason, the auxiliary information index 305 includes a processing time field 1003. A positive value set in this processing time field 1003 is an effective period of time during which a result of execution of the program or the script 1001 is to be displayed. When the period of time lapses, the operation of the broadcast signal receiving apparatus is automatically switched to an operation to play back the video and audio data 202 of the broadcast information 201 of the program. On the other hand, a negative value set in this processing time field 1003 indicates that the execution of the program or the script 1001 is to be continued ~~till~~up to an instruction to end the execution is issued by the viewer. --